

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Monday 2nd March 2015

1. **HEADING** Community Chest
- Submitted by:** Robin Wiles
- Portfolio:** Resources & Efficiency
- Ward(s) affected:** All Wards affected

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed to date for 2014/15.

Recommendations

Panel note the applications received & processed to date.

Panel note the level of unspent funds in the budget, and consider the implications thereof.

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to receive reports on Community Chest, and, if appropriate, determine whether applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 At the time of writing (19/2/15), 58 applications have been received from 13 Locally Based Bodies at a total of £37,896.93.
- 1.2 34 applications have received the full amount applied for, 11 received a grant below the applied amount and 11 received no grant, and 2 are pending. Grants totalling £26,732.99 have been issued.
- 1.3 One application has been received from a Locally Based Body that requires Panel decision.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 To date, there is an underspend of £21,267.01 that represents 44.3% of the budget. Six of the Locally Based Bodies have allocated their budget, whilst three have spent none of their allocation.
- 2.2 The deadline for applications to be received is 28th February 2015.
- 2.3 An application has been received from Marsh Hall Community Centre – as a Locally Based Body, they cannot make a recommendation and the application is referred to

the Grants Assessment Panel for decision. The application is for replacement tables which, if considered to be an ongoing running cost, would not be eligible for a grant.

2.4 Community Chest is under review at present and members may wish to make recommendations thereof.

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

N/A

4. **Proposal**

4.1 Panel note the applications processed to date.

4.2 Panel note the level of unspent funds in the budget, and consider the implications thereof.

4.3 Panel determine whether Marsh Hall Community Centre's Community Chest application for replacement tables is eligible for a grant, and if so, at what level.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

N/A

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All applications approved cover a range of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

N/A

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

N/A

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 A total of £26,732.99 has been awarded in grants, leaving a balance of £21,267.01. This represents an underspend of 44.3%. Underspend will not be carried over to the 2015/16 budget.

10. **Major Risks**

N/A

11. **Key Decision Information**

N/A

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

N/A

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Panel note the applications processed to date.

13.2 Panel note the level of unspent funds in the budget, and consider the implications thereof.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Community Chest spend to date, 2014/15.

15. **Background Papers**